IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Snyder et al.

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Activity

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.121 and PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication under 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.121 is responsive to the Office Action of March 18, 2005.

A three month extension of time is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) for a three month extension of time are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account number 50-3120. It is not believed that any additional extensions of time are necessary beyond what is being requested with this communication. If, however, additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to account number 50-3120.

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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